Memorial and a Ferry Launch to facilitate tourist between Kanyakumari and Vivekananda Rock Memorial.

(b) Mamallapuram : A tourist complex and a project for landscaping.

(c) Muttukadu : Water sports facilities.

(d) Pichavaram : Restaurant Block.

(e) Cuddulore : Tourist Complex.

(f) Poompuhar : Visitors waiting hall.

(g) Nagapattinam: Yatri Niwas.

(h) Rameshwaram : Tourist Reception Centre.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism provides interest subsidy on loans sanctioned by IFCI/TFCI for approved hotel projects. Interest subsidy of 3 per cent is provided for 1, 2 & 3 Star category hotel projects and 1 per cent of interest subsidy is provided for 4 & 5 Star category hotel projects. Approved hotels commissioned by December, 1993 in selected places not having more than 300 rooms of 3-Star category, would be exempted from expenditure tax and 50 per cent from Income Tax for a period of 10 years. Hotel resorts would be permitted to be constructed 200 mts. away from high tide line.

**Export of Raw Silk**

*307. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of raw silk exported during the last three years, and how much foreign exchange was earned thereby, yearwise;

(b) what is the plan for boosting silk export and what target has been fixed in this regard for the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what is the extent of monetary benefit that has been passed on to the silk growers during the period mentioned in part (a) above, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) There have been no exports of raw silk during the last three years. In view of the adequate demand of raw silk for manufacture of silk goods both for indigenous and export sectors, the export of raw silk is not encouraged and hence there are no plans for boosting its export during the VIII Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

**Recommendations of the National Committee on Tourism**

*308. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the recommendations made by the National Committee on Tourism some time back;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) by when these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In general, the recommendations found to be useful though some of them were not feasible